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We openly declare that our radio is political and is going to remain political."
In a talk on 25 September 1946 on the financial situation of the radio stations in the Russian Zone, Girms stated that there are 1,800,000 radio listeners in the Russian Zone who pay a total of 3,600,000 fm per menth tax for their radios. Thirty percent of this money (1,080,000 fm) is carmarked to cover the expenses of all the transmitters in the Russian Zone. However, expenses at Radio Berlin have been running at approximately 1,300,000 fm menthly. Radio Leipzig uses 400,000 to 500,000 fm menthly, and the Dresden, Weimar, Schwerin, Halle, and Petsden stationseach spend about 70,000 fm menthly. Karlsherst has, therefore, arranged that approximately half the radio tax mency will be made available to the various radio stations. The budget of each radio station will have to be cut by 15% in order not to exceed the income. Nevertheless, Karlsherst has assured Radio Berlin that all absolutely accessary expenses will be met.
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Berlin has been under the Central Administration for Education since 12 July 1946, and is regarded as the main station of the Seviet Zone rather than the city station of Berlin. The transmitter in Tegel is under the central of the Berlin Post Office. If the city of Berlin should cut Radio Berlin off the air, noither the Central Administration for Posts nor the Central Administration for Education would have legal recourse, according to Giraus.

- 5. During September 1946, a considerable number of employees at Radio Berlia were interrogated individually by Soviet officers. All these employees were under twenty-ene years of age; the majority were girls. The interrogations themselves were held behind closed doors by six Soviet officers, including one or two women officers, and an interpreter.
- 6. The main object of these interrogations appears to have been an attempt to determine to what extent young employees have contact with US or British military personnel. The following are sample questions: "Do you know any American or British soldiers?" "What do you talk about, what did they ask you?" "How intimate ore your contacts?" "Would you consider marrying a young Russian?" "If you were allowed to vote, which party would you choose?"
- 25X1 7. the interregations were intended to intimidate these who were questioned and to discourage them from talking too freely about their work with American or British personnel. The Shop Council, after receiving more than twenty complaints, discussed the interregations at a recent meeting. While the SED members of the Shop Council justified the interregations under LAW I, Central Council, it was decided to request an explanation from the chief central officer.
 - 8. During the week ending 5 September 1946, time devoted to election prepaganda by Radio Berlin was distributed as follows among the various parties:

SED	85.24	per	cent
CDU .	6.67	, 41	11
LDP	4.93	77	11
SPD	3.16	17	17

- Gontrary to an earlier directive, according to which the SPD was not to be attacked, Radio Berlin has now been instructed to lay amphasis on the antiSevietism of the SPD and on the differences between SFD leadership and the rank and file members. Radio Berlin has received another directive from Seviet political afficers to emphasize the accessity of abolishing zonal boundaries. There will be interviews, striking examples of economic difficulties created by the boundaries, and possibly lectures propagandizing a speedy elimination of zonal barriers. For the present there are to be no comments whatsoever on problems connected with Germany's eastern boundaries.
- 10. It has also been reported that SMA Karlsheret will build a radio transmitter of exceptional power and range for the Seviet Zene. Josef Schwab, former editor-in-chief of Neues Doutschland, and generally regarded as one of the coming men in the SED, is slated to be in charge of this new station.

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